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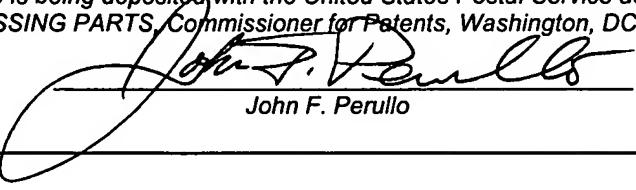
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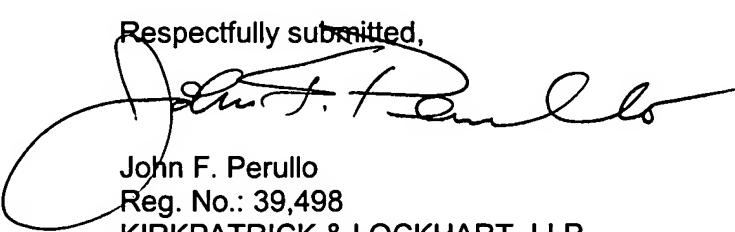
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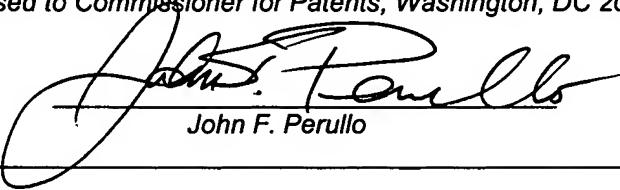
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DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the applicants request consideration of this information disclosure statement.

**Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This information disclosure statement has been filed within three months of the filing date of a national application. No fee or certification is required.

**Information Cited**

The applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the relative importance of

the references.

**Explanation of Non-English Language References and**  
**Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited**

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

Information is provided from the web site of Progressive Medical, Inc. The enclosed print-out of that web site is the only information presently known to the applicants regarding the Progressive Medical devices. It is unknown when the internet web site first became publicly available.

**Remarks**

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

- The examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
- The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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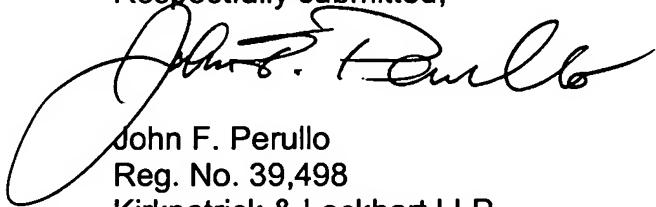
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